



Josephine L. Gibson

March 4, 1919 - April 9, 2009

Josephine L. Gibson, age 90, of Royal Oak, died April 9, 2009 at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak. She was born March 4, 1919 in Oxford. Mrs. Gibson lived in Royal Oak since 1947. She graduated from Ypsilanti State Teachers College in 1943, which is now Eastern Michigan University. She taught in the Clawson school system and was a piano teacher for many years. She was also a longtime member of the First Baptist Church of Royal Oak. She is survived by her children, James Pamela Gibson of Berkley and Denise Groeller of Royal Oak; sister, June Dawson of Oxford; seven grandchildren; and one great grandson. She was preceded in death by her husband, William H. Gibson, on September 3, 1997. The couple married November 26, 1943 in California; and her daughter, Janice Zilka. Visitation will be held Monday 1-4 p.m. and 6-9 p.m. at Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 705 W Eleven Mile Road 4 blks. E of Woodward, Royal Oak. Mrs. Gibson will lie in state Tuesday 12:30 p.m. until the time of service 1 p.m. at the First Baptist Church of Royal Oak, with the Rev. Dr. David Nichols officiating. Burial will take place at Mount Pleasant Cemetery in Oxford Township. Memorials to the First Baptist Church, 309 N. Main Street, Royal Oak, MI 48067. Share your memories at www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com.

Tribute Wall

FR

“ Dear Jim and Denise, I could never write too many superlatives about your mother, Jo Gibson. She has been a friend for many, many years, both to me and to my deceased wife, Mary Ann. We both loved her!!!!!!! She was a beautiful Christian woman. Blessings to you both. Floyd Rideout

Floyd Rideout - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Jo, we will miss you and never forget all that you have done for so many. Your patient but persistent demeanor helped keep us in line, even though I was the only one under 50 in your class and only male!

Jeff Sparling - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ Cousins Jim & Denise: I will miss Aunt Jo dearly. I will remember the nice family gatherings we had at your house in Royal Oak. We always had so much food. When grandma and all of our aunts got together to cook we always had such a great meal. Aunt Jo gave me the book Charlotte's Web for my 8th birthday. I still have it tucked away for safe keeping. Aunt Jo wrote me a nice short letter after dad passed dad said she wasn't one to write. But her words of wisdom made me feel better. My thoughts are with you and your families. I wish I had some words of wisdom for all of you. Take care during this difficult time and if I can help with any thing please don't hesitate to call. Love Darsi

Darsi Bell - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ Jim & Denise, Sandy called me last night about your Mom's passing. Jim and I extend our sincere sympathy to you and your families. Your Mom was a wonderful woman and I know you all have many special memories to cherish. I always remember when I was young - Christmas Eve at Aunt Mildred's and your Mom playing the piano and everyone singing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you now and in the days to come. Love, Jackie

Jim & Jackie Talley - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SG

“ My grandmother was a wonderful, powerful woman. I did not realize just how great she was until I saw everyone come to say their good-byes. I was touched by everyone who attended with such great stories to share. My brothers, cousins, and I will miss her dearly. She was so sweet and kind. She touched many people and I never realized it. I loved her and find it difficult to believe she's gone. She's back in Heaven with the Lord where we all knew, without a doubt, she would go.

Suzu Gibson - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM